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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF "STAR VEGA": THOMAS A. SMIRCH - FPA
CLAIM

REFS: A. MERIDA 0145, B. MEXICO 7437, AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN SAM GIBBONS ABOUT THE CLAIM OF THOMAS A. SMIRCH, CAPTAIN OF SHRIMP FISHING VESSEL "STAR VEGA" FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED FOR AMOUNTS PAID TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE VESSEL SEIZED BY THE GOM ON APRIL 29, 1976.

2. CONGEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH EARLIEST COPY GOM TRANSCRIPT OF ITS PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH SEIZURE, DETENTION AND PENALIZING "STAR VEGA"- AS REQUESTED RECORD WILL BE CRUCIAL IN VIEW OF CONFLICT IN TESTIMONY BETWEEN CLAIMANT AND GOM REGARDING LOCATION OF SEIZURE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION OBTAINING EXTREMELY LEGIBLE DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARAS 1(B) AND 3 IN REF B. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONGEN MAY BE ABLE TO
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